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LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing on H.R. 1946, the “Preserving Our Hometown Independent Pharmacies Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from Rich Feinstein, Director of the Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1917, the “Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2011”; H.R. 1960, the “North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act 2011”; and H.R. 3074, the “Cormorant Management and Natural Resources Protection Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Peterson and Klein (MN); Jerome Ford, Assistant Director for Migratory Birds, Fish and Wildlife Service; Jimmy Anthony, Assistant Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; Robert Ellis, Deputy Director, Bureau of Wildlife Resources, Virginia Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1241, the “Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area Establishment Act”; H.R. 1818, the “Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act of 2011”; H.R. 2984, the “Maine Coastal Islands Wilderness Act of 2011”; and H.R. 4234, the “Grazing Improvement Act of 2012”. Testimony was heard from Representative Luján; Leslie A. C. Weldon, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mike Pool, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior; and public witnesses.

SECURITY POLICY JEOPARDIZING USAID RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND PERSONNEL IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations held a hearing entitled “Are Changes in Security Policy Jeopardizing USAID Reconstruction Projects and Personnel in Afghanistan?”. Testimony was heard from Steven Trent, Acting Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Re-

construction; and J. Alexander Their, Assistant to the Administrator for the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, USAID.

FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH: EXAMINING PUBLIC ACCESS AND SCHOLARLY PUBLICATION INTERESTS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Federally Funded Research: Examining Public Access and Scholarly Publication Interests”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following: H.R. 4142, the “American Heroes COLA Act”; H.R. 4114, the “Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2012”; H.R. 2051, the “Veterans Missing in America Act of 2011”; H.R. 2498, the “Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act”; H.R. 2377, the “Rating and Processing Individuals' Disability Claims Act”; H.R. 2717, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate one city in the United States each year as an ‘American World War II City’, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4168, the “Caring for the Fallen Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Guinta; Frank (MA); McIntyre; and Donnelly; Colonel Thomas Moe, Director, Ohio Department of Veterans Services; Max Cleland, Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission; Thomas Murphy, Director of Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration; and public witnesses.

INDIVIDUAL AND EMPLOYER MANDATES IN THE DEMOCRATS' HEALTH CARE LAW

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on individual and employer mandates in the Democrats' health care law. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, April 2

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, March 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet in pro forma session.

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